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Dear Sir

Charleston 25th Septem^r 1789

I wrote you the 27th July in answer to your favor of 20th same month, Respecting your debt to your Sister to which I have not Received your Reply; within these few days we have Received a Letter from Capt Corvaisier, Inclosing one for you which I now forwards - Capt Corvaisier in his Letter to us, presses us much, in case you have not made us the payment as stipulated in your Bond, to press you to do so; we have again Considered our power & we find, it is impossible for us to make a purchase of the land & negroes you offered on his auct. unless at our Risque, but were our power adequate, the Plantation & Negroes you offered are by no means of Sufficient Value, the debt & Interest due at this time amounts to abt. £3685. & the land & negroes cannot be worth more than £2500. even to purchase them on a credit of three or four years. thus Circumstanced as we are & you about leaving the State, we must Request you will Immediately Execute proper deeds as Mortgages for the property you offered & any other that will amount to as much more in the same proportion of Value, to be paid as the Instalment Law directs, this is by no means unreasonable, you know on giving Mortgages, double the Value of the debt is given, for several reasons, which need not be mentioned as you know them - If you do not chuse to give the Mortgage

as we require & chose to ~~Perque~~ let it Rest on Judgment, we
Send up a Writ, & you have only to sign & date the order on the
Back thereof, which will be as good Security & will Enable one of
the Attorneys to confer Judgment for you, & which will in fact
amount to the security you Intended at first - as we understand
you are to go to New York direct from Beaufort & that soon, we
hope & presume you will not neglect to finish this Business with
M^r. Verdier whom we have desired to call on you respecting
the same; in order that you may know how to ground your
Mortgage we send a Copy of your Bond -

I sincerely wish your Removal to New York may have
the good Effect to Restore M^r. Kean & yourself to Health. I am
with much Esteem

Dear Sir

Your most ob.^t Able &
ob.^t Servant

D. DeSaupure

Dr. Deane's care

Sept 25. 1789 -

The Hon^{ble}.

John Kean Esq^r.

Beaufort